Cost over-run of Delhi Metro

1606. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going works in Delhi Metro and when it is going to be completed; and

(b) whether there is possibility for Delhi Metro to face cost over-run if it is not completed within the scheduled period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Delhi Metro Rail phase-I project comprises the following:—

(i) 11 km. long Vishwa Vidyalaya-Central Secretariat underground corridor.

(ii) 16 km. long Trinagar-Barwala partly at-grade and partly elevated corridor.

(ii) 25 km. long shahdara-Trinagar-Nangloi partly at-grade and partly elevated corridor.

Work is in progress on items (i) & (ii) and Shahdara-Trinagar section of item (iii) and is expected to be completed by September, 2005. Work has not been taken up on the Trinagar-Nangloi section of item (iii) as a proposal to replace this section by Barakhamba Road Connaught Place-Dwarka corridor is under consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir. Delay in completion of the project would result in cost over-run.